

5 Pounds - Division "Open" - Black - Consumption Currency Stamps - 1869-1883 - 106 x 48 mm.

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

The catalogue lists the five pound black Division Open consumption stamps as follows:

RM-26 - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls

RM-27† - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. blue controls

RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* wove paper - 5 mm. blue controls

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)

John McKay reports that 66,000 copies of "5 lb. S. M. R. Black" were delivered. Prior to 1874, these would be "Division Open".

2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)

John McKay reports that 135,500 copies of "5 lb., Black Tobacco" were delivered. These were 105,500 for Division Open, 25,000 for Montreal and 5,000 for Toronto - these are my own estimates. This is his final listing for the 5 pound black stamp.

I would doubt that all 66,000 copies of the black 5 pound Division Open Caddy stamp were printed on *unwmkd* thin wove paper. It is likely that some of the early stamps exist on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper and on *unwmkd* thick wove paper.

--- The "theoretical" control number range on the black 5 pound Division Open Consumption stamp ---

RM-26 - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - **00001** to **66000**

RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* wove - **66001** to **171500**

--- The "actual" control number range on the black 5 pound Division Open Consumption stamps, as recorded to date ---

RM-26 - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - **002135** to **005289**

RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* wove - **096177** to **170483**

In 1874 BABN closed their Ottawa plant, moving all corporate operations to the Montreal facility. Prior to this move the imprint had been a 50 mm. **BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA**, and the controls were in 5 mm. figures. The *block wmkd* stamps were printed and control numbered in Ottawa prior to their 1874 plant closing. While operating solely in Montreal (1874-1887) the imprint used on their "Division Specific" dies was a 42 mm. **BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL** and the control numbers were in 4 mm. figures.

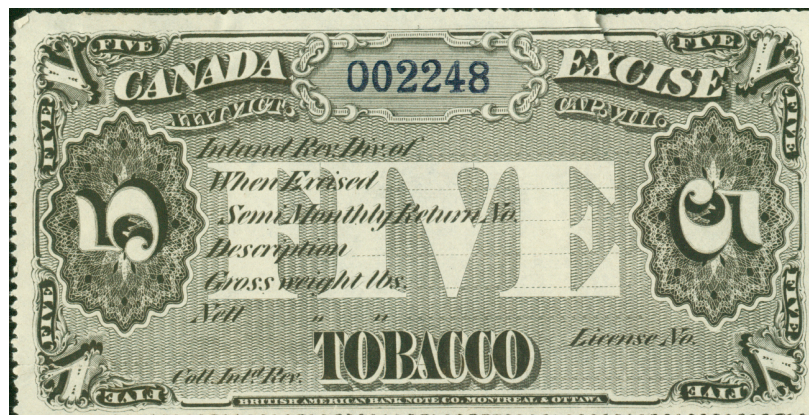
--- 5 Pounds - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 1869 ---

--- on *unwmkd* thin wove paper at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 106 x 48 mm. design ---

--- perf 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this five pound black Division Open consumption stamp as follows:

RM-26 - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls



RM-26 - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh thin wove, control number **002248**

002135	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002142 ★	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002143	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002147	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002162	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002175 ★	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002244	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002248	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002257	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002277	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002307	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002308	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002310	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002322	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002334	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002366-80 ★	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove, a sheet of fifteen (3 stamps across by 5 rows deep)
002382	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002444	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002453	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002464	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002473	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
002479	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
003050	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
003058	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005213 ★	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005223	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005229	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005234	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005266	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005275	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005276 ★	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
005283-89	RM-26	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove

--- 5 Pounds - Division Open - Black Consumption Caddy stamps - 1872-73 ---

--- on *block wmkd* thick wove paper at Ottawa under the 2nd BABN Contract - 106 x 48 mm. design ---

--- perf 12 - with 5 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this five pound black Division Open consumption stamp as follows:

RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* wove paper - 5 mm. blue controls



★**RM-27a** - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control number **104081**, dated *12 Apr* for April 12th 1876, with S. M. Return No. *19* - 76, used for *Cut* tobacco, Licensee # 3 at *Quebec*, initialled **J.E.F.** for J. E. Fortier

Chris Ryan reports that *J. M. Le Moine* was Collector at Quebec until September 30th 1868, and was succeeded by *J. E. Fortier*, who was in office until Feb., 15th 1878, when he was replaced by *G. La Rue*.

96177	10/75	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , Licensee # 3, dated <i>13 Oct. 75</i> , initialled <i>J.M.L.</i> - i.e. "J. M. Le Moine"
99422	10/75	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>10 Dec. 75</i> , initialled J. E. F. - i.e. "J. E. Fortier"
99607	10/75	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>17 Oct. 75</i> , initialled J. E. F. - i.e. "J. E. Fortier"
100942		RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 3
104081 ★	04/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>12 Apr. 76</i> , with S. M. Return <i>19</i> , initialled J. E. F.
103372	03/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>30 March</i> , with S. M. Return <i>18</i> , initialled J. E. F.
109479	04/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used <i>Quebec</i> , dated <i>20 - 76</i> , by Licensee # 3, and initialled <i>J.M.L.</i>
109665	04/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used <i>Quebec</i> , dated <i>20 - 76</i> , by Licensee # 3, and initialled <i>J.E.F.</i>
109845	04/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , dated <i>20 - 76</i> by Licensee # 3, initialled J. E. F.
112046	07/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , inscribed <i>July 10</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Common Cut</i> , by Licensee # 3, dated <i>01 - 76</i> , S. M. Return <i>1</i> , initialled <i>J.M.L.</i>
112629	07/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>19 / 07 / 76</i> , with S. M. Return <i>3</i> , initialled J. E. F.

112907★	07/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 22 <i>July / 76</i> , with S. M. Return 3, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
114630	08/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 27 / 8 / 76 , with S. M. Return 3, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
114706	07/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 6 / <i>July</i> and 2 - 76 , with S. M. Return 2, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
115907	08/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 19 / 8 / 76, with S. M. Return 4, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
116075	08/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 20 / 8 / 76, with S. M. Return 4, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
117209	09/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 6 / 9 / 76, with S. M. Return 5, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
117615	09/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Common Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 12 <i>Sept</i> , with S. M. Return 5 / 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
117937	09/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Common Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 16 <i>Sept</i> , with S. M. Return 6 / 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
118203	09/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Common Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 20 <i>Sept</i> , with S. M. Return 6 / 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
120771	10/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 24 <i>Oct</i> , with S. M. Return 8 / 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>



★RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control number **121801**, dated 8 *Nov* in November 1876, with S. M. Return 9 / 76 , used for *Cut* tobacco, Licensee # 3, at *Quebec*, initialled *J.E.F.* for “J. E. Fortier”

121801★	11/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , Licensee # 3, dated 8 <i>Nov.</i> , with S. M. Return No. 9 / 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
122635★	11/76	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , Licensee # 3, dated 2 <i>Nov.</i> , with S. M. Return No. 10 - 76, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
124021		RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , on 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , Licensee # 3, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
126001		RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, Stamped <i>Cancelled</i>
126688	02/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 12 <i>Fev.</i> , with S. M. Return 16 - 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>

127339	02/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 26 <i>Fev.</i> , with S. M. Return 16 - 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
128565	03/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 21 <i>March</i> , with S. M. Return 18 - 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
134705	03/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, with S. M. Return No. 3 / 7 / 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
135231	04/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, with S. M. Return No. 19 - 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>



★RM-27a CP - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control number **136001**, stamped *Cancelled* in Roman script

136001 ★		RM-27a CP	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, stamped <i>Cancelled</i> in Roman script
137459	08/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 10 <i>Aug.</i> , with S. M. Return No. 3 - 77, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>
137692 ★	08/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated 15 / 8 / 77, with S. M. Return 3, initialled <i>J. E. F.</i>

The following copy of **RM-27a** (used at three pounds by “Rock City”) was probably on a square tin of **Master Mason** plug smoking tobacco. It is interesting that the initials *J. M. L.* also occur in 1875 and 1876, since Chris Ryan lists *J. M. Le Moine* as the Quebec Collector only until September 30th 1868. Perhaps Le Moine was again acting as Interim Collector while *J. E. Fortier* (1868 to February 15th 1878) was being transferred and *G. La Rue* appointed.



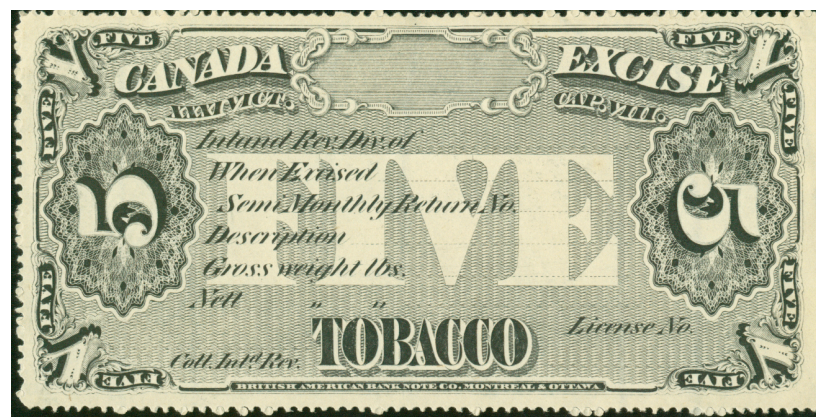
RM-27a - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control number **142411**, dated 15 *Oct* for October 15th 1877, with S. M. Return 7 / 77, used for *Cut* tobacco, Licensee # 3 at *Quebec*, initialled *J. M. L.* for *J. M. Le Moine*

142411	10/77	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , by Licensee # 3, dated <i>15 Oct.</i> , with S. M. Return No. 7 - 77, initialled <i>J.M.L.</i>
147439	07/78	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> , by Licensee # 3, dated <i>13</i> , with S. M. Return No. 13 - 78, initialled <i>J.M.L.</i>
166223	11/78	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, used at <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 3, dated <i>22 Nov.</i> , with S. M. Return No. 10 - 78



★**RM-27a** - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control number **170483**, dated *1 Mar* on March 1st 1879, with S. M. Return No. 17 - 79, used for *Cut* tobacco
Licensee # 2 at *Quebec* - signed *G. La Rue*

170483 ★	03/79	RM-27a	5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, stamped <i>Quebec</i> , for 3 pounds of <i>Cut</i> by Licensee # 2, dated <i>1 March</i> , with S. M. Return 17 - 79, initialled by <i>G. La Rue</i>
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★**RM-27an** - 5 pounds, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, *without* controls - *two copies*

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